

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani and Stephen Morabito

DATE: March 4, 2005

RE: Vermont State Hospital Caseload Profiles

The Vermont State Hospital has been the subject of considerable examination and discussion in recent months. By all indications, VSH will undergo significant change in the months and years to come. Over the years, the Vermont Performance Indicator Project (PIP) has provided information regarding inpatient psychiatric services in Vermont in a variety of forms. These include the annual statistical reports (<http://www.ddmhs.state.vt.us/docs/res-eval/annual-stats.html>), inpatient data books (<http://www.ddmhs.state.vt.us/docs/res-eval/inpatient-data-book.html>), and periodic PIP reports on involuntary inpatient psychiatric interventions and episodes of care (<http://www.ddmhs.state.vt.us/docs/pips/pips-by-service-prog.html#inpatient>).

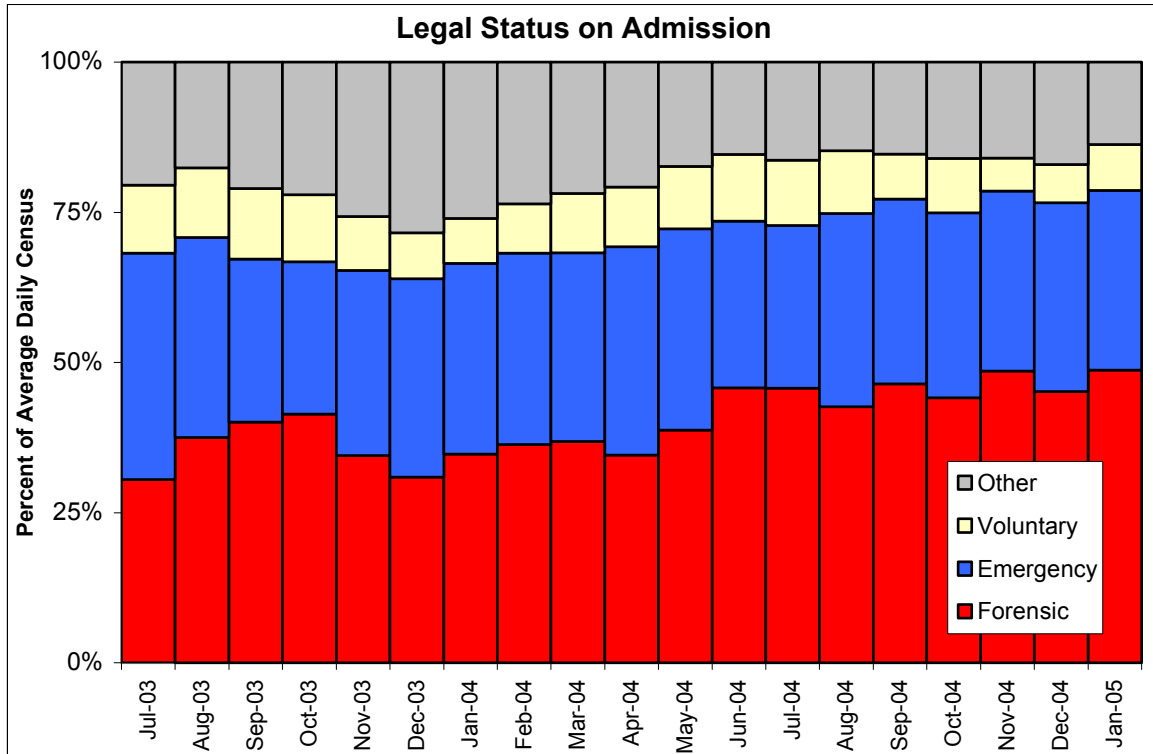
This week's PIP report provides an overview of VSH caseload characteristics over the past 19 months. The characteristics under examination include legal status on admission, gender and age. As you will see, there has been a significant increase in the proportion of VSH patients who had been admitted in a forensic legal status during this time period. The representation of men in the VSH caseload has also increased during this time period. There has been little change, however, in the age distribution of the VSH caseload over these 19 months.

We look forward to your suggestions regarding the characteristics of the VSH caseload (and other inpatient psychiatric caseloads) that would be of interest to you during the months to come. As always we look forward to your comments and your suggestions for further analyses of these data to pip@vdh.state.vt.us or 802-241-2638.

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Caseload Profile

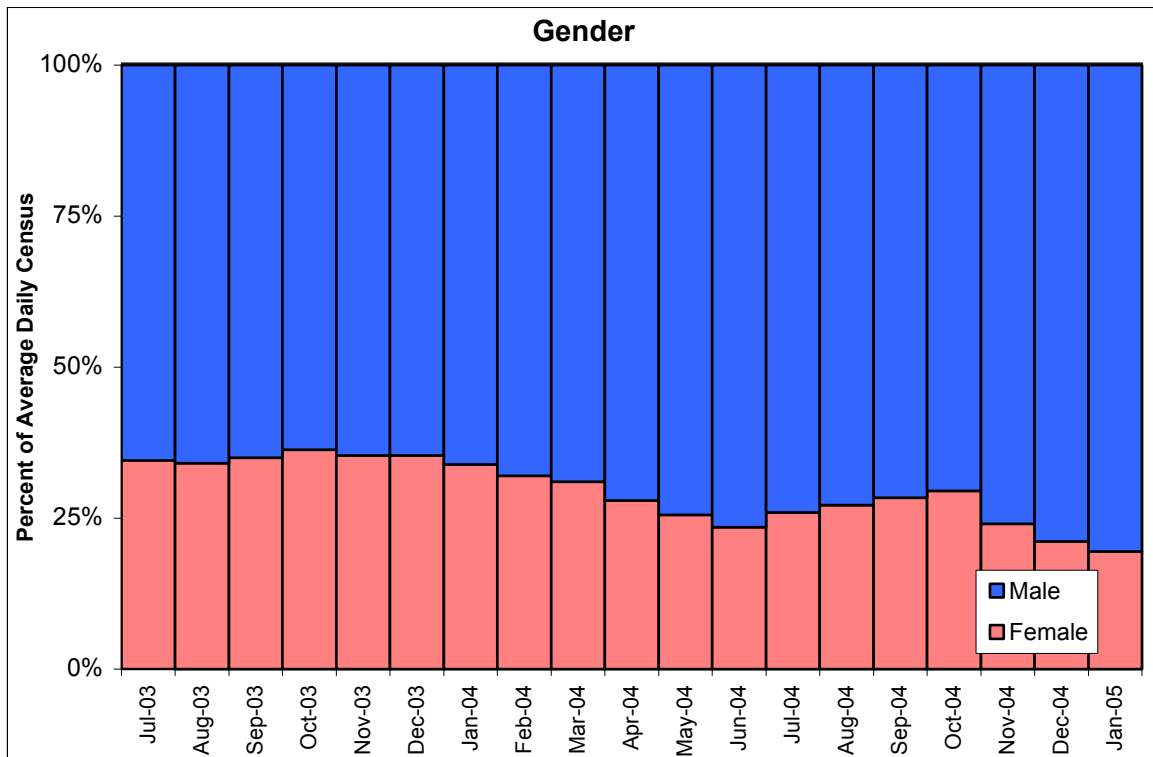
July 2003 Through January 2005



Month-Year	Avg. Daily Census	Legal Status on Admission			
		Forensic	Emergency	Voluntary	Other
July 2003	53	31%	38%	11%	20%
August	52	38%	33%	12%	18%
September	51	40%	27%	12%	21%
October	55	41%	25%	11%	22%
November	51	35%	31%	9%	26%
December 2003	52	31%	33%	8%	28%
January 2004	53	35%	32%	8%	26%
February	52	36%	32%	8%	24%
March	51	37%	31%	10%	22%
April	51	35%	35%	10%	21%
May	48	39%	34%	10%	17%
June	49	46%	28%	11%	15%
July	47	46%	27%	11%	16%
August	49	43%	32%	10%	15%
September	55	46%	31%	8%	15%
October	55	44%	31%	9%	16%
November	56	49%	30%	5%	16%
December 2004	53	45%	31%	6%	17%
January 2005	54	49%	30%	8%	14%

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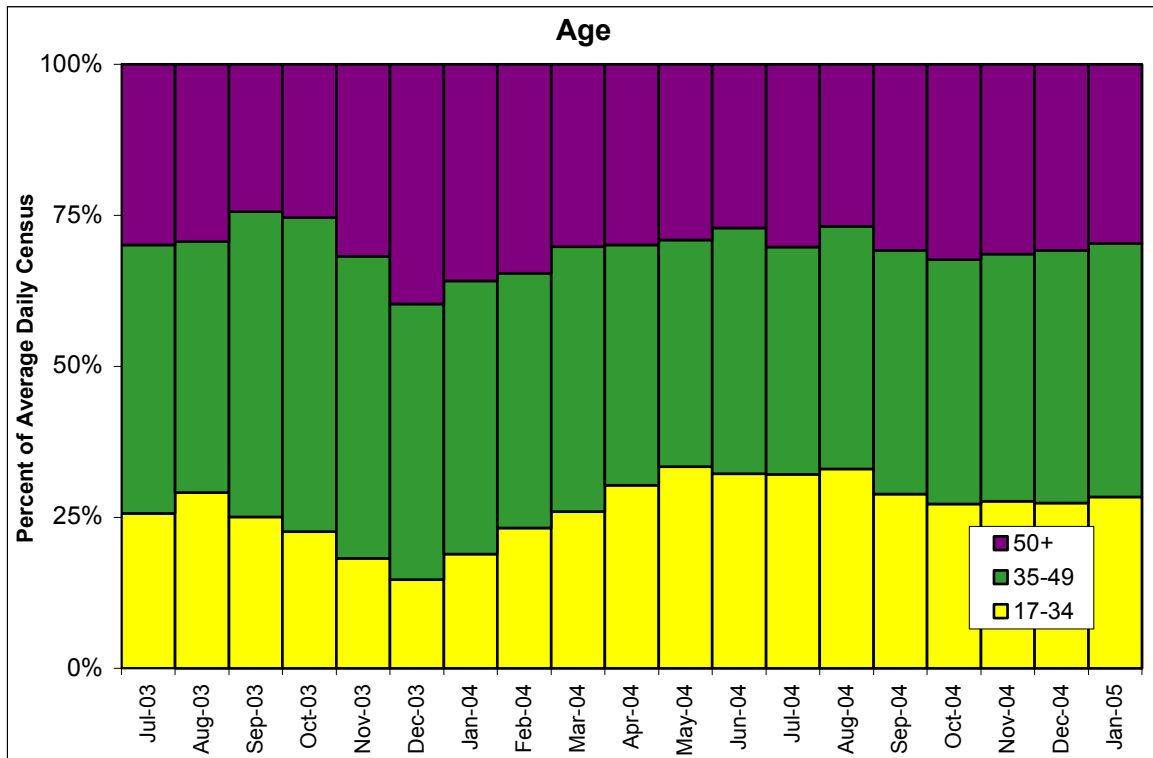


Month-Year	Avg. Daily Census	Gender	
		Male	Female
July 2003	53	65%	35%
August	52	66%	34%
September	51	65%	35%
October	55	64%	36%
November	51	65%	35%
December 2003	52	65%	35%
January 2004	53	66%	34%
February	52	68%	32%
March	51	69%	31%
April	51	72%	28%
May	48	74%	26%
June	49	77%	23%
July	47	74%	26%
August	49	73%	27%
September	55	72%	28%
October	55	70%	30%
November	56	76%	24%
December 2004	53	79%	21%
January 2005	54	81%	19%

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Month-Year	Avg. Daily Census	Age		
		17-34	35-49	50+
July 2003	53	26%	44%	30%
August	52	29%	42%	29%
September	51	25%	51%	24%
October	55	23%	52%	25%
November	51	18%	50%	32%
December 2003	52	15%	46%	40%
January 2004	53	19%	45%	36%
February	52	23%	42%	35%
March	51	26%	44%	30%
April	51	30%	40%	30%
May	48	33%	38%	29%
June	49	32%	41%	27%
July	47	32%	38%	30%
August	49	33%	40%	27%
September	55	29%	40%	31%
October	55	27%	40%	32%
November	56	28%	41%	31%
December 2004	53	27%	42%	31%
January 2005	54	28%	42%	30%